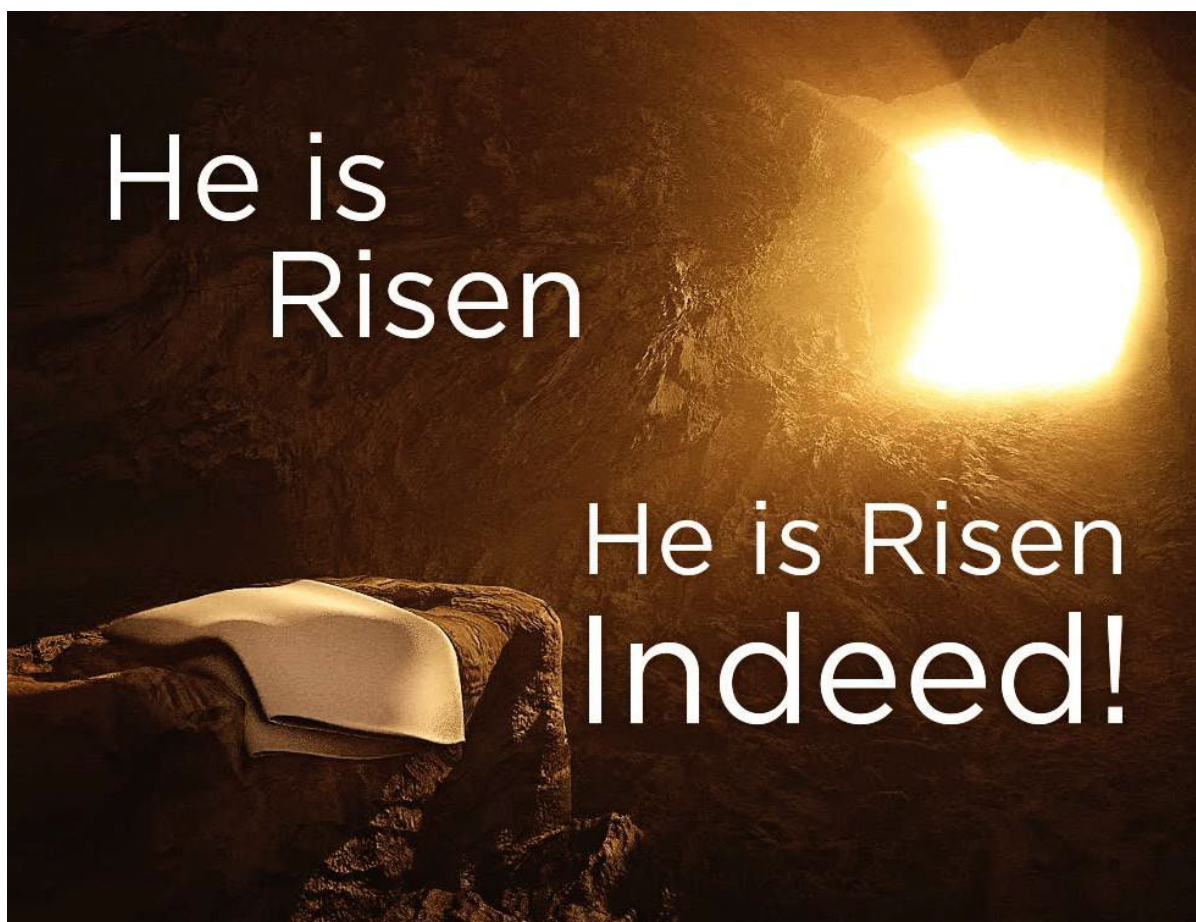


FUNERAL READINGS

**Scripture Readings
Prayers of the Faithful**



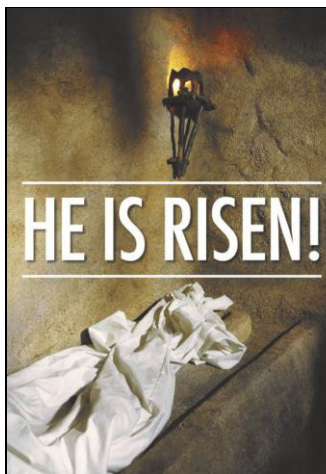
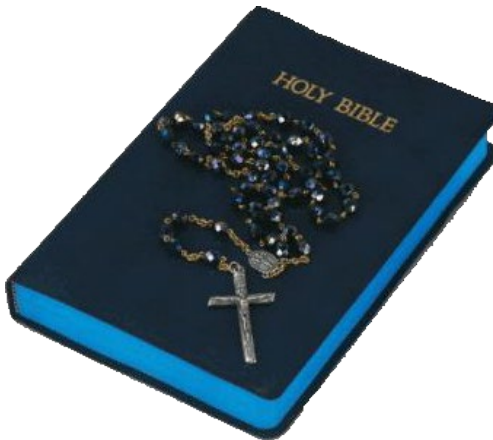
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Lord, when I hear about the Resurrection, I am like the disciples. I believe. But when I feel pain and when I see suffering, I am like Thomas. I have doubts. I am afraid. I wonder where you are. Jesus you are risen! You are with me! Keep me ever mindful of how you are a part of my life in a deep and profound way. Help me to recognize your hope-filled presence in my life. Surprise me with a touch of your love in places where I never thought that I would find you. Fill my heart with hope. May the gift of your presence transform every ordinary moment of mine into a sacred place where you dwell. Help me to see this gift through the eyes of faith. Help me to believe in the Resurrection and become your presence for others. Amen.

FUNERAL GUIDELINES

Please, contact Parish Office or Pastor as soon as possible and before final arrangements with the Funeral Home. Contact Parish Office even if you will have another priest presiding over the funeral ceremonies.



o **Does the family want to specify a charitable cause for donations in lieu of flowers?**

If so, make sure to relate this to the funeral directors.

Causes available from the Parish:

St. Margaret Parish

o **Is the Burial service to be followed by lunch?**

▪ *Coordinator of lunch Rimbey*

Contact office for coordinator's name

o **Please keep in mind a donation for the preparation, work and cost of food.** Please give the donation to the appropriate party.

- ❖ **The parish church is the appropriate place for celebration of the funeral liturgy;** therefore Eucharistic celebrations may not be held in a funeral home or any place other than the parish church.
- ❖ **The Vigil Service may be celebrated in a funeral home,** although it is recommended that this service also take place at the parish church.
- ❖ **While cremation is permitted, it is preferable that cremation take place after the funeral liturgy has been celebrated,** unless for good reason (for example, death outside the country), cremation has already taken place.
- ❖ If a prayer service is at the church with the body present, the body could remain overnight at the church if this is practical.

MUSIC GUIDELINES FOR FUNERALS

In the new Catholic Funeral Rite, published by the Catholic Bishops of Canada, the primary focus of funeral liturgy is on the resurrection of Christ and our passing from death to life with Him. We affirm our hope in eternal life and strengthen our faith in the resurrection of the dead.

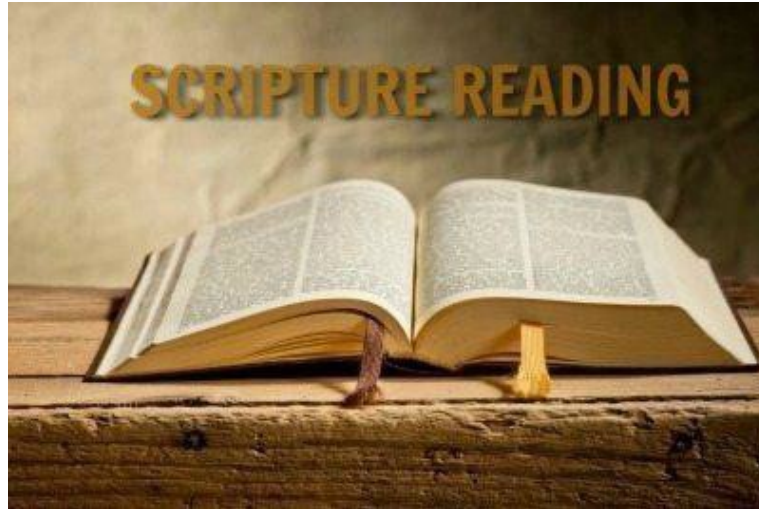
The music at a funeral should reflect these principles. It should express faith and hope but also joy - the joy of the resurrection. At the same time there must be sensitivity to feelings of grief.

The music format for a funeral takes the Sunday Mass as a norm. We have:

- Four major hymns (Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Recessional).
- Primary acclamations are sung (Holy, Holy... - Memorial Acclamation - Great Amen).
- In addition the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and Lamb of God are sung.
- The Song of Farewell (in the Rite of Final Commendation and Farewell) is also sung.

	Suggested FUNERAL FEES:	Donation for use of the church is appreciated, but not necessary. Music Ministry (Leader of Song) - Ask him/her what their fee is. Music Ministry (Organist) - Ask him/her what their fee is. Donation to the priest - Donation is customary and appreciated.
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SELECTION OF SCRIPTURAL READINGS



OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

01)	Job	19: 1; 23-27a	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
02)	Wisdom	3: 1-6, 9	<i>He accepted them as the holocaust</i>
03)	Wisdom	4: 7-15	<i>A blameless life is a ripe old age</i>
04)	Isaiah	25: 6a, 7-9	<i>The Lord God will destroy death forever</i>
05)	Lamentations	3: 17-26	<i>It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save</i>
06)	Daniel	12: 1-3	<i>Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake</i>
07)	2 Maccabees	12: 43-46	<i>It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again</i>
08)	Ecclesiastes	3: 1-8	<i>A time for every matter under heaven</i>

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

01)	Acts	10: 34-43	<i>God has appointed Jesus to judge everyone, alive and dead</i>
02)	Romans	5: 5-11	<i>Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him</i>
03)	Romans	5: 17-21	<i>Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more</i>
04)	Romans	6: 3-9	<i>Let us walk in newness of life</i>
05)	Romans	8: 14-23	<i>We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies</i>
06)	Romans	8: 31-39	<i>Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?</i>
07)	Romans	14: 7-12	<i>Whether alive or dead, we belong to Lord</i>
08)	1 Corinthians	15: 20-28	<i>All people will be brought to life in Christ</i>
09)	1 Corinthians	15: 51-57	<i>Death is swallowed up in victory</i>
10)	2 Corinthians	4: 13-5:1	<i>What is seen is transitory, what is unseen is eternal</i>
11)	2 Corinthians	5: 1, 6-10	<i>We have an everlasting home in heaven</i>
12)	Philippians	3: 20-21	<i>Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his</i>
13)	1 Thessalonians	4: 13-18	<i>We shall stay with the Lord forever</i>
14)	2 Timothy	2: 8-13	<i>If we have died with him, then we shall live with him</i>
15)	1 John	3: 1-2	<i>We shall see God as he really is</i>
16)	1 John	3: 14-16	<i>We have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers and sisters</i>
17)	Revelation	14: 13	<i>Happy are those who die in the Lord</i>
18)	Revelation	20: 11-21: 1	<i>The dead have been judged according to their works</i>
19)	Revelation	21: 1-7	<i>There will be no more death</i>

GOSPEL READINGS

01)	Matthew	5: 1-12a	<i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven</i>
02)	Matthew	11: 25-30	<i>Come to me... and I will give you rest</i>
03)	Matthew	25: 1-13	<i>Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him</i>
04)	Matthew	25: 31-46	<i>Come, you whom my Father has blessed</i>
05)	Mark	15: 33-39, 16: 1-6	<i>Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last</i>
06)	Luke	7: 11-17	<i>Young man, I say to you, arise</i>
07)	Luke	12: 35-40	<i>Be prepared</i>
08)	Luke	23: 33, 39-43	<i>Today you will be with me in paradise</i>
09)	Luke	23: 44-46, 50, 52-53; 24: 1-6a	<i>Father, I put my life in your hands</i>
10)	Luke	4: 13-35	<i>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?</i>
11)	John	5: 24-29	<i>Whoever hears my word & believes has passed from death to life</i>
12)	John	6: 37-40	<i>All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day</i>
13)	John	6: 51-59	<i>All who eat this bread will live for ever; and I will raise them up on the last day</i>
14)	John	11: 17-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
15)	John	11: 32-45	<i>Lazarus, come out</i>
16)	John	12: 23-28	<i>If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a reach harvest</i>
17)	John	14: 1-6	<i>There are many rooms in my Father's house</i>
18)	John	17: 24-26	<i>Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am</i>
19)	John	19: 17-18, 25-30	<i>Jesus bowed his head and gave up his spirit</i>

Job 19:1, 23-27a

(First Reading)

A Reading from the Book of Job

Then Job answered,

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!"

For I know my Redeemer lives
and that at last he will stand upon the earth,
and after my skin has thus been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Word of the Lord.

Wisdom 3:1- 6, 9

(First Reading)

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction,
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.
But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed they are punished,
yet is their hope full of immortality;
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest.
For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time,
nor can it be measured in terms of years.

Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men,
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.

He who pleased God was loved;
he who lived among sinners was transported –
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind
or deceit beguile his soul;
For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right
and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind.

Having become perfect in a short while,
he reached the fullness of a long career;
for his soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Isaiah 25: 6-9

(First Reading)

A Reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God
will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him,
So that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Lamentations

My soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is,
so I say, "Gone is my glory,
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord."

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope;
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion", says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in Him".
The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul that seeks Him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Daniel 12: 1-3

(First Reading)

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

"At that time Michael, the great prince,
the protector of your people, shall arise.
There shall be a time of anguish,
such as has never occurred
since nations first came into existence.

But at that time your people shall be delivered,
everyone who is found written in the book.
Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
some to everlasting life,
and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Those who are wise shall shine
like the brightness of the sky,
and those who lead many to righteousness
like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the second Book of Maccabees

He also took up a collection,
man by man,
to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver,
and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering.

In doing this he acted very well and honorably,
taking account of the resurrection.
For if he were not expecting
that those who had fallen would rise again,
it would have been superfluous and foolish
to pray for the dead.

But if he was looking to the splendid reward
that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness,
it was a holy and pious thought.

Therefore he made atonement for the dead,
so they might be delivered from their sin.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
and time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Acts 10: 34-43

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them:

“I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
but in every nation anyone who fears him
and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all.
That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee
after the baptism that John announced;
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power;
how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did
both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,
but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear, not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead.
All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes
in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 5: 5-11

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person -
though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Much more surely then,
now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
much more surely, having been reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.

But more than that,
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 5: 17-21

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

If, because of the one man's trespass,
death exercised dominion through that one,
much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace
and the free gift of righteousness
exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all,
so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,
so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied;
but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death,
so grace might also exercise dominion through justification
leading to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Do you not know
that of all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?

Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of God the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him
so that the body of sin might be destroyed
and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin.
But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8: 14-23

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba, Father!" it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ -
if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worthy of comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God,
for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,
in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage of decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labor pains until now,
and not only the creation,
but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

If God is for us, who is against us?
He, who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not, with him, also give us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.
Who will condemn?
It is Jesus Christ who died,
yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Romans 14: 7-12

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.
If we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?
Or you, why do you despise you brother or your sister?
For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

For it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

But each in his own order;
Christ the first fruit,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
Then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
after he has destroyed every ruler
and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."
But when it says,
"All things are put in subjection,"
it is plain that this does not include
the one who puts all things in subjection under him.

When all things are subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who put all things in subjection under him,
so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15: 51-57

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!
We will not all die, but we will all be changed,
in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound
and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.
For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.
When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is your victory?"
"Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus,
and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake,
so that grace as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart.
Even though our outer nature is wasting away,
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
For this slight momentary affliction
is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory
beyond all measure,
because we look not on what can be seen
but at what cannot be seen;
for what can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know
that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

We are always confident,
even though we know
that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord –
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we do have confidence
and we would rather be away from the body
and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him.
For all of us must appear
before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense
for what has been done in the body,
whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Philippians 3: 20-21

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him
to make all things subject to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters,
about those who have died
so that you may not grieve
as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died.
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet
will descend from heaven
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds together with them
to meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will be with the Lord forever.
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead,
descendant of David - that is my gospel,
for which I suffer hardship,
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.
Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
so that they may also obtain the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us,
if we are faithless, he remains faithful –
for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

1 John 3: 1-2

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint John

See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now,
what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this;
when he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

1 John 3: 14-16

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint John

We know that we have passed from death to life
because we love one another.

Whoever does not love abides in death.

All who hate a brother or sister are murderers,
and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

We know love by this,
that he laid down his life for us -
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 14: 13

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I heard a voice from heaven saying,
"Write this:
Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord."
"Yes," says the Spirit,
"They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

The Word of the Lord.

Revelation 20: 11 – 21: 1

(Second Reading)

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it;
the earth and the heaven fled from his presence,
and no place was found for them.
And I saw the dead, great and small,
standing before the throne and books were opened.
Also another book was opened, the book of life.
And the dead were judged according to their works,
as recorded in the books.

And the sea gave up the dead that were in it.
Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them,
and all were judged according to what they had done.
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.
This is the second death, the lake of fire,
and anyone whose name was not found
written in the book of life
was thrown into the lake of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals,
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new."
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.
Those who conquer will inherit these things
and I will be their God and they will be my children.

The Word of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely, on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 11: 25-30

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent
and have revealed them to infants;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary,
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble of heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 25: 1-13

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

The kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
But at midnight there was a shout,
"Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
The foolish said to the wise,
"Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."
But the wise replied,
"No! There will not be enough for you and for us;
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went away to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him
into the wedding banquet and the door was shut.
Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us"
But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of those who are members of my family, you did it for me."

Then he will say to those on his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not care of you? Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 15: 33-39; 16:1-6

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three o'clock in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, his is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's son!"

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? When they looked up, they saw that the stone which was very large had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed:" you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 7: 11-17

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd went with him.

As he approached the gate of the town,
a man who had died was being carried out.
He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow;
and with her was a large crowd from the town.

When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her
and said to her, "Do not weep."
Then he came forward and touched the bier,
and the heavens stood still.

And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying,
"A great prophet has risen among us!"
and "God has looked favorably on his people!"

This word about him spread throughout Judea
and all the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 12: 35-40

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
be like those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet,
so that they may open the door for him
as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes,
truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat
and he will come and serve them.

If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn,
and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this:
if the owner of the house had known
at what hour the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 23: 33, 39-43

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

When they came to the place that is called The Skull,
they crucified Jesus there with the criminals,
one on his right and one on his left.

One of the criminals who were hanged there
kept deriding him and saying,
"Are you not the Messiah?
Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying,
"Do you not fear God,
since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
And we indeed have been condemned justly,
for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds
but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 23: 44-49; 24: 1-5

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

It was now about noon,
and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
while the sun's light failed, and the curtain in the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
Having said this, he breathed his last.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,
"Certainly this man was innocent."

And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw
what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.
But all his acquaintances,
including the women who had followed him from Galilee,
stood at a distance, watching these things.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb,
taking the spices that they had prepared.
They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in,
they did not find the body.
While they were perplexed about this,
suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,
but the men said to them,
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"
He is not here, but has risen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 24: 13-35

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

On the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all of this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who had said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he was going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he sat at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us, while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scripture to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord had risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 5: 24-29

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus said to them,
"Very truly, I tell you,
anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me
has eternal life, and does not come under judgment,
but has passed from death to life.

"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,
so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself
and he has given him authority to execute judgment,
because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be astonished at this;
for the hour is coming
when all who are in their graves will hear his voice, and will come out –
those who have done good, to the resurrection of life,
and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 6: 37-40

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus said to them.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and anyone who comes to me I will not drive away;
for I have come down from heaven,
not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him, who sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
but raise it up on the last day.

This is indeed the will of my Father,
that all who see the Son and believe in him
may have eternal life
and I will raise them up on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 6: 51-58

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus said,

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,
and I will raise them up on the last day,
for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.
Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father,
so whoever eats me will live because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven,
not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died.
But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 11: 17-27

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

When Jesus arrived,
he found Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away
and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went and met him while Mary stayed at home.
Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
Martha said to him, "I know he will rise again in the
resurrection on the last day."
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"
She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 11: 32-45

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

When Mary, the sister of Lazarus, came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who has opened the eyes of a blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet still bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 12: 23-28

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus said,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Very truly, I tell you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it,
and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

"Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

"Now my soul is troubled.
And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour?"
No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 14: 1-6

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus said,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.
Thomas said to him,
"Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 17: 24-26

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Jesus looked up to heaven and said,

"Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me,
may be with me where I am,
to see my glory, which you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you,
but I know you,
and these know that you have sent me.
I made your name known to them,
and I will make it known,
so that the love with which you have loved me
may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

John 19: 17-18, 25-29

(Gospel Reading)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint John

Carrying the cross by himself,
Jesus went out to what is called The Place of the Skull,
which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

There they crucified him,
and with him two others,
one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Standing near the cross of Jesus,
were his sister, and his mother's sister,
Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother
and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,
he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your Son."
Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."
And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished,
he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),
"I am thirsty."
A jar full of sour wine was standing there.
So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop
and held it to his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful (A)

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his:

The response to the petitions is: **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. In baptism N..... received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 2. Our Brother/Sister N..... was nourished at the table of the Saviour. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 4. Many people die by violence, war and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 6. The family and friends of N..... seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 7. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister N..... Strengthen our hope so that we may live in expectation of your Son's coming. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
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Priest: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and the voices of your people, whose lives were purchased by the Blood of the Lamb. Forgive the sins of all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful (B)

Priest: God, the almighty Father, raised Christ his Son from the dead;
with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

The response to the petitions is: R. Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For N..... who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 2. For our brother/sister who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised up on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 5. For the family and friends of our brother/sister N that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 6. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
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Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful (C)

Priest: My dear friends, let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our departed brother/sister, but also for the Church, for peace in the world and for ourselves.

The response to the petitions is: R. Lord, hear our prayer.

1. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 2. That those in public office may promote justice and peace. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 3. That those who bear the cross of pain in mind or body may never feel forsaken by God. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 4. That God may deliver the soul of his servant N..... from punishment and from the powers of darkness. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 5. That God in his mercy may blot out all his/her offenses. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 6. That God may establish him/her in light and peace. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 7. That God may call him/her to happiness in the company of all the saints. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 8. That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends who have departed this life. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
 9. That God may give a place in the kingdom of heaven to all the faithful departed. Let us pray to the Lord:
R. Lord, hear our prayer.
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Priest: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants release from all their sins. Hear our prayers for those we love and give them the pardon they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROGRAM OF FUNERAL MASS

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Homily Priest

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts Hymn

Communion Hymn

Song of Farewell

Closing Hymn

N.B. If there is inclement weather the majority of burial prayers will be prayed at the church rather than at the graveside.